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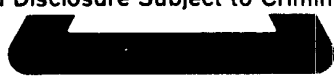
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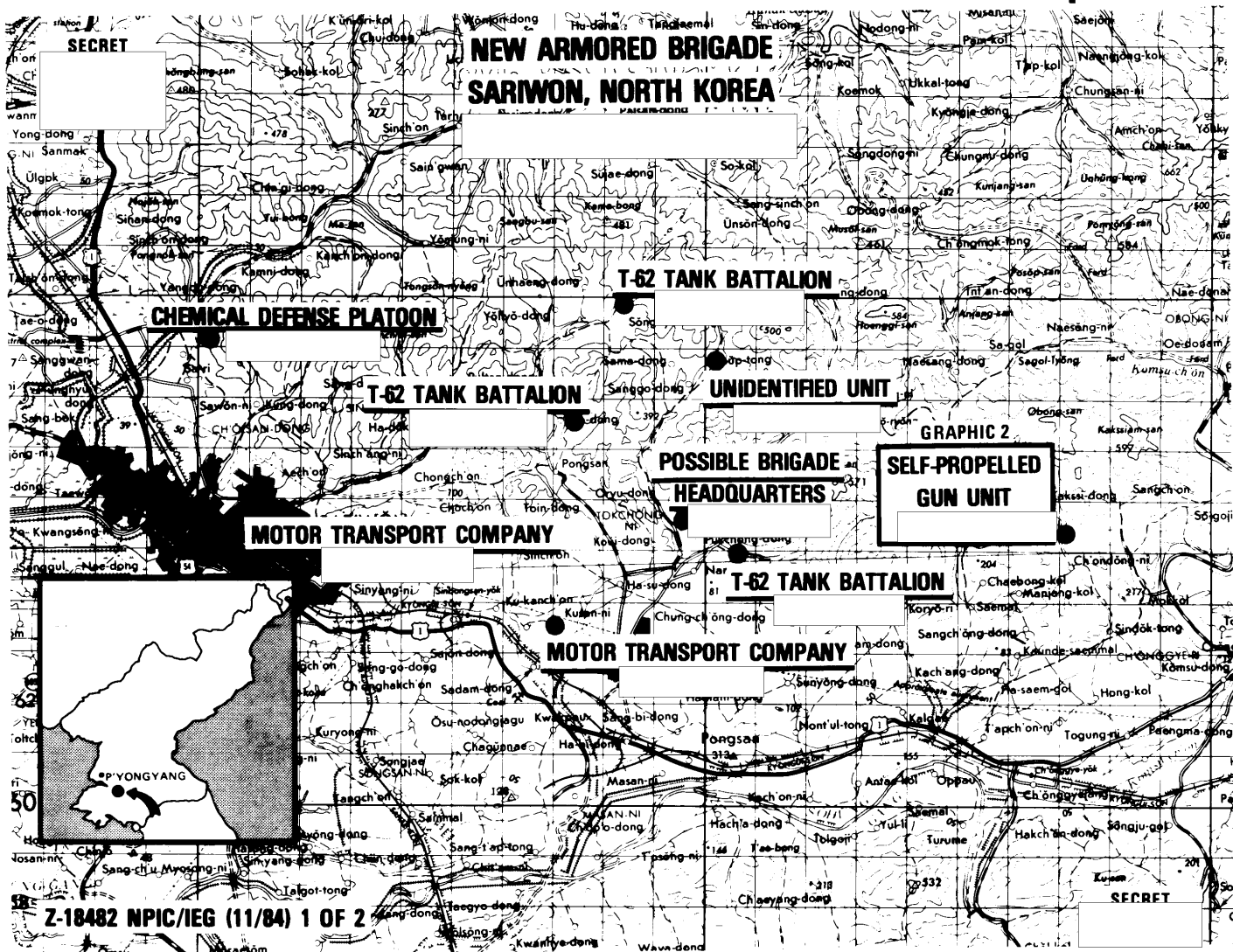
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NEW ARMORED BRIGADE, Sariwon, North Korea (SWN)

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**NEW ARMORED BRIGADE
SARIWON, NORTH KOREA (SWN)**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** AN ARMORED BRIGADE, EQUIPPED WITH T-62 MEDIUM TANKS, HAS BEEN CREATED IN THE SARIWON AREA OF THE 4TH CORPS. (SWN)
2. **PFMARKS:** THE NEW ARMORED BRIGADE, WITH THREE T-62 MEDIUM TANK BATTALIONS, IS WITHIN AN 8 KM RADIUS OF MASAN NI BKS A BDE HQ N (GRAPHIC 1). THIS ARMORED BRIGADE IS PROBABLY SUBORDINATE TO THE UNIDENTIFIED MECHANIZED CORPS IN THE SARIWON AREA. ADDITIONAL UNITS POSSIBLY SUBORDINATE TO THE BRIGADE INCLUDE ONE SELF-PROPELLED GUN UNIT (EQUIPPED WITH FOUR SIX-GUN BATTERIES OF POSSIBLE M-1981 SP GUNS), TWO MOTOR TRANSPORT COMPANIES, AND ONE CHEMICAL DEFENSE PLATOON. THREE ADDITIONAL INSTALLATIONS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION/EXPANSION AND MAY ALSO BE RELATED TO THIS DEPLOYMENT; HOWEVER, NO EQUIPMENT WAS PRESENT AND THE UNIT FUNCTIONS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. (SWN)

THE MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY HOUSED AT MASAN NI BKS HO INF BN A HQ INF REGT AND WAS ASSESSED AS SUBORDINATE TO THE UNIDENTIFIED ARMORED BRIGADE HEADQUARTERED AT MASAN NI BKS A BDE HQ N WAS REPLACED BY ONE BATTALION OF T-62 MEDIUM TANKS DURING JUNE TO SEPTEMBER. (SWN)

THE SECOND T-62 TANK BATTALION REPLACED THE UNASSESSED M-1973 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER-EQUIPPED MECHANIZED INFANTRY BATTALION THAT WAS HOUSED AT KUUM NI ARMY BKS A BN HQ N. ON _____ AT LEAST 60 ARMORED VEHICLES (BOTH TANK AND APC) WERE IDENTIFIED, INDICATING THAT TRANSITION MAY HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE. FURTHER EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CHANGE WAS THE DISMANTLEMENT OF THE MECHANIZED INFANTRY VEHICLE SHEDS THAT HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED BY LATE APRIL. NEW VEHICLE SHEDS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHICH INDICATES THAT ALL OF THE TANKS MAY NOT YET BE PRESENT. (SWN)

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THE THIRD T-62 MEDIUM TANK BATTALION WAS AT SONGHYON DONG MIL BKS. THIS INSTALLATION FORMERLY HOUSED AN UNIDENTIFIED UNIT. AS OF [REDACTED] THE EXISTING VEHICLE SHED WAS BEING MODIFIED, AND ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE TANK COMPANY HAD ARRIVED. TWO ADDITIONAL TANK STORAGE SHEDS WERE COMPLETED BY [REDACTED] AT LEAST THREE T-62 MEDIUM TANKS WERE IDENTIFIED BY [REDACTED] AND THE NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION APPEARED TO BE COMPLETE. (SWN)

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CHONDONG NI BKS AREA, WHICH HOUSES THE SP GUN UNIT, WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON [REDACTED] BY [REDACTED] FOUR PARTIALLY COMPLETED VEHICLE SHEDS, EACH HOUSING SIX POSSIBLE M-1981 SELF-PROPELLED GUNS, HAD BEEN ERRECTED. THIS UNIT STRUCTURE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN OBSERVED WITHIN THE NORTH KOREAN GROUND FORCES (GRAPHIC 2). THE 24-GUN SP ARTILLERY UNIT SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCES THE LONG RANGE FIRE SUPPORT OF THE THREE T-62 MEDIUM TANK BATTALIONS OF THE ARMORED BRIGADE. (SWN)

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